PATENT APPLICATION TIME

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiro MACHIDA et al.

Application No.: 09/810,534

Filed: March 19, 2001

OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND

IMAGING PROCESSING APPARATUS USING THE

SAME

Group Art Unit: 2174

Examiner: U. Arshad

Docket No.: 108973

MAIL STOP RCE

LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the submission filed October 4, 2004.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 161104 in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

12/01/2004 GWORDOF1 00000003 09810534

01 FC:1801

790.00 OP

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff

Registration No. 27,075

Linda M. Saltiel

Registration No. 51,122

JAO:LMS/eks

Date: November 30, 2004

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION

Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461